

House Resolution No. 727

Whereas, it is with great pleasure that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to recognize the St. Charles County Children and Family Services Authority, which is the proud recipient of a 2003 St. Charles County Heroes for Mental Health award; and

Whereas, the Crider Center for Mental Health will honor the St. Charles County Children and Family Services Authority with the Mental Health Partner of the Year Award during a special presentation to be held March 7, 2003, at The Columns in St. Charles, Missouri; and

Whereas, the Children and Family Services Authority of St. Charles County was created in 1997 as the successor to the county Community Mental Health Board; and

Whereas, the nine member volunteer board that is appointed by the County Executive and the County Council Authority Board is the administrator of an \$8.6 million grant from the Federal Government entitled "Partnership with Families", through which children in need and their families receive comprehensive services; and

Whereas, the Authority Board also administers the Children's Trust Fund in St. Charles County and awards grants to local agencies working to eliminate child abuse and neglect; and

Whereas, these citizen leaders have truly become the authoritative voice for children and families in St. Charles County and have used their positions to advocate for the expansion of the system of care for the most vulnerable citizens; and

Whereas, under the leadership of Chairman Vince Schneider and Executive Director Bruce Sowatsky, the St. Charles Children and Family Services Authority continues to make the statement that children come first in St. Charles County:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most hearty congratulations to all those dedicated individuals affiliated with the St. Charles County Children and Family Services Authority upon their most worthy receipt of the Mental Health Partner of the Year Award, and in wishing them only the very best as they continue to work for the interests and welfare of Missouri's children and families in need; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for the St. Charles County Children and Family Services Authority.

Offered by _____
Representative Carl Bearden
District No. 16

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 727, adopted March 6, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker